

# ***ESL (ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE)***

This endorsement authorizes the holder to serve as an ESL (English as a Second Language) teacher in grades K-12.

## **1. WHAT TYPES OF CERTIFICATES CAN I APPLY FOR?**

- *Certificate of Eligibility (CE)*
- *Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing (CEAS)*
- *Standard Certificate*

Please read the **FAQ's** on the detailed version if you are not sure which certification you may be eligible for.

## **2. REQUIREMENTS FOR INITIAL CERTIFICATION**

- a) BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM A REGIONALLY ACCREDITED UNIVERSITY**
- b) MINIMUM GPA REQUIREMENT**
- c) ORAL AND WRITTEN (ENGLISH) TESTS**
- d) PHYSIOLOGY AND HYGIENE TEST**

## **3. CERTIFICATE OPTIONS**

- a) To apply for the *Certificate of Eligibility (CE)* in this endorsement:

Complete the Requirements in 2 (a-d); and

Submit the following:

- **Completed application for certification or on-line application**
- **Application Fee: \$150.00**
- **Official college/university transcripts**
- **ACTFL Oral and Written English language proficiency test scores.** For information on the ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview and the Writing Proficiency Test, contact Language Testing International at (914) 963-7110.
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- b) To apply for the *Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing (CEAS)* in this endorsement:

Complete the Requirements in 2 (a-d); and

Submit the following:

- Completed application for certification or on-line application
- Application Fee: \$150.00
- Official college/university transcripts
- Complete a state-approved college teacher preparation program (15 to 21 credits) for the preparation of ESL teachers
- ACTFL Oral and Written English language proficiency test scores For information on the ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview and the Writing Proficiency Test, contact Language Testing International at (914) 963-7110.
- Copies of out of state certificates; submit copy of certificates via mail if applicable

- c) Candidates holding an *Certificate of Eligibility* or *Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing (CEAS)* in this endorsement:

- Upon attaining employment, will be issued Provisional Certifications
- While teaching under provisional certification, the candidate must complete a year of mentored teaching

(No candidate may be employed under provisional certification for more than five years in a position requiring certification as a teacher ESL certification. (An amendment has been proposed at the August 2005 State Board of Education meeting to reduce the employment under provisional certification to four years.)

- Upon successful completion of the provisional teaching, formal standards-based instruction and ESL pedagogy (for the holders of the CE), in addition to recommendation from building principal, Standard certification will be issued.

- d) To apply for the *Standard Certificate* in this endorsement:

Complete the Requirements in 2 (a-d); and

Submit the following:

- Completed application for certification or on-line application
- Application Fee: \$75.00
- Official college/university transcripts
- Complete a state-approved college teacher preparation program (15 to 21 credits) for the preparation of ESL teachers
- ACTFL Oral and Written English language proficiency test scores. For information on the ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview and the Writing Proficiency Test, contact Language Testing International at (914) 963-7110.
- Copies of out of state certificates; submit copy of certificates via mail if applicable
- Original letter(s) of experience, documenting at least one year of fulltime teaching

e) Candidates who already hold a Standard instructional certificate:

Where the Standard instructional certificate is one other than Military Science, Preschool through Grade 3, or experienced-based vocational endorsements, the candidate will be issued a standard certificate upon completion of the:

- A state-approved college teacher preparation program (15 to 21 credits) for the preparation of ESL teachers
- ACTFL Oral and Written English language proficiency test scores. For information on the ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview and the Writing Proficiency Test, contact Language Testing International at (914) 963-7110.
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f) Candidates who have completed Out-of-State approved ESL programs will be issued a standard certificate upon completion of the:

- ACTFL Oral and Written English language proficiency test scores. For information on the ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview and the Writing Proficiency Test, contact Language Testing International at (914) 963-7110.
- Demonstrate completion of a minimum of at least one year of successful teaching experience under a valid out-of-state certificate/license.